

All Wards Neighborhood Planning Assembly Meeting Notes February 17, 6:30-8:30pm Robert Miller Center, 130 Gosse Court

Attendees: Hans Maske, Lea Terhne, Charlie Simpson, Tony Redington, Linda Deliduka, Martha Molpus, Phet Keomanyvanh

Meeting Start time: 6:40pm

Welcomes and Introductions:

The meeting started out with Phet Keomanyvanh, introducing herself as the new Community Development Specialist-Public Engagement and how she would bring her experience in community organizing, outreach and non-profit capacity building to support the Neighborhood Planning Assemblies (NPAs).

After each Steering Committee member introduced themselves, shared history and concerns of their wards, and future thoughts about NPAs.

Martha Molpus of Ward 7 bought up concerns about the "big push" in development. She's concerned there is not enough affordable housing. The other issue is the 4 Lanes which is a very heated issue in her neighborhood.

Linda Deliduka, of Ward 7 brought up historical background of New North End. Historically, North Ave. starts at the High School and past services such as transportation to the downtown stopped at 5pm and ran every 30minutes. This has created separation of downtown and N. North end neighborhoods.

Lea Terhne brought up that the prime reasons that NPAs exist is to review development and that developers are to come NPA meeting to go through a public process before development gets approved. Not only do NPA's provide open dialogue but create summit events for such as a past Budget Summit that was organized.

Tony Redington of Ward 2 concerned with neighborhood safety. He shared that lack of opportunity and an opiate epidemic with not enough treatment options increases crime and safety concerns in his neighborhood.

Charlie Simpson shared that Ward 6 has minimal controversial issues but some concerns have been with library's bathroom being used for drug use, development of a

commuter parking lot in residential space, and over cutting down of trees at Alumni House. Since these issues have been resolved Charlie says that Ward 6 NPA introduces and promotes dialogue of city wide issues to their neighborhood.

Hans Maske shared that Ward 5 NPA ongoing neighborhood conversations are Plan BTV S. End, Champlain Parkway, and New City Market development. These issues bring people out to the Ward 5 NPA meetings and the people that attend are engaged in keeping up with development plans of their neighborhood even if they don't attend every month.

The meeting closed with Phet handing out current NPAs financial reports.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm

Meeting notes submitted by Phet Keomanyvanh